

While it is impossible to comprehend and appreciate what they all went through, all just young men coming of age literally under enemy fire, I want to provide this body and this country with a small snapshot of what each Joseph brother endured and did for their community, State, and our country.

Seaman Second Class Edward Michael "Chick" Joseph, having served in the United States Navy during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy on November 28, 1944. Ed, otherwise known as "Chick," earned the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze battle stars, World War II Victory Medal, and foreign awards of the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze battle star.

Torpedoman's Mate Second Class Joseph Edward Joseph, honorably discharged from the United States Navy on January 4, 1946, serving in World War II aboard the USS *Aulick*. On November 29, 1945, six Japanese planes attacked the *Aulick* in the Leyte Gulf while on antisubmarine patrol, with 31 men giving their lives in defense of their ship, comrades, and country, 64 being wounded, and 1 sailor missing in action.

Anthony Joseph, United States Marine Corps, World War II, died in 1945, sadly, due to cancer.

Louis Joseph, United States Merchant Marines, World War II, serving in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean theaters, visiting 31 countries, islands, and territories. Two of the ships Louis served on were sunk, with one sinking causing Louis to spend 17 days adrift in a raft. Louis' unit earned the Presidential Unit Citation with two battle stars. Louis used his brother Joseph's identification to enlist initially in the Coast Guard, as he was underage to serve his country.

John G. Joseph, United States Coast Guard during World War II, also served as a corporal and auto equipment operator in the United States Army during the period immediately after World War II, serving from December 1945 through December 1948, having been separated from Fort Slocum in New York.

I have been fortunate enough to know many World War II veterans and to hear firsthand their actions and experiences. Sadly, members of our Greatest Generation are dwindling in numbers, and our current generation may not know of their sacrifice and service other than what is portrayed in Hollywood or in history books.

The Joseph family should be an example to all Americans of what answering the call to service means, especially when our ideals and our values are directly threatened by tyrants and oppressors.

Their family stateside supported them while under great stress, knowing these sons of Utica, New York, were di-

rect players in one of the greatest military struggles in our Nation's history.

I am honored to represent subsequent generations of the Joseph family, who all continued the tradition of the six Joseph brothers in public service and community service.

I thank the Joseph family for their service and all of our veterans in the 22nd Congressional District and across the United States of America for their sacrifice and their inspiring service to all of us, to our country, our States, our communities.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless these wonderful people who answer the call to serve.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 (a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 27 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy Lord, You have been our dwelling place from generation to generation. Before the mountains were brought forth, even before the Earth itself was formed, from everlasting, You are God.

As we pause in Your presence and acknowledge Your infinite being, we cannot help but come to grips with our own finitude and limited hold on the things of this life. So it is with humility that we offer our prayers to You, prayers that ask for Your guidance in the living of this day, Your wisdom for the choices we make, and Your forbearance when we fall short of Your intentions.

Grant us the reassurance that despite the uncertainty that hovers around us, regardless of our inevitable mistakes and missteps, that in Your mercy, You have already woven this day into Your gracious plan for us.

Remind us that You have satisfied us this morning with Your steadfast love which lifts us up, dusts us off, and sends us once again on the path You would have us go.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. May Your favor rest upon us as You establish the work of our hands this day.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ALLEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SEYMOUR "SY" KAPLAN

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the House passage of my bipartisan bill to designate the Palm Desert VA Clinic in memory of Seymour "Sy" Kaplan.

Sy was a decorated World War II veteran with a relentless passion for service. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at just 17 years old and served our country bravely in the 2nd Army, 2nd Corps Division. For his heroism, he earned three battle stars and two Purple Hearts.

When his military service ended, his service to our veterans began. For 25 years, Sy served as the commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 78, in the Coachella Valley.

His leadership helped countless veterans find healing, community, and a sense of purpose. He also served as a member of my veterans advisory board, where I looked to him as a trusted adviser.

We lost Sy 3 years ago at the age of 95. I can think of no better way to honor his legacy than to ensure his name is forever etched into our desert's history at a place where our veterans receive quality care at the Palm Desert VA Clinic, the clinic he championed to create.

RETURNING TO FISCAL CONSTRAINT

(Mr. JOYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the inflation crisis that is being caused by President Biden's destructive policies has hurt small businesses throughout the United States.

According to a recent survey, 37 percent of small business owners were unable to pay their rent just last month alone.